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For: **OFFICE INFORMATION SYSTEM  
HAVING A DEVICE WHICH PROVIDES  
AN OPERATIONAL MESSAGE OF THE  
SYSTEM WHEN A SPECIFIC EVENT  
OCCURS**

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